IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

EMANUEL THOMAS NEWMAN,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:CV-01-0677

Plaintiff

v.

RONALD L. JURY, et. al.,

Defendants

(Judge Rambo)

HARRISBURG, PA

SEP 1 3 2001

<u>ORDER</u>

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On April 18, 2001, plaintiff filed a complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Currently pending before the Court is plaintiff's "motion to amend his reply to defendant's answer". (Doc. 21.)

Rule 7(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure states that "(t)here shall be a complaint and an answer.... No other pleading shall be allowed, except that the court may order a reply to an answer or a third-party answer." Defendants filed an answer (Doc. 13) on July 16, 2001. This court has not ordered a reply to answer; therefore, a reply is not proper.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's motion to amend his reply to defendant's answer (Doc. 21) is denied.

¹Plaintiff had previously misconstrued defendants' answer to be a motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff filed a brief in opposition to the alleged motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff requests to amend his brief to be a reply to defendants' answer.

2. The Clerk of Court is directed to strike plaintiff's brief in opposition to defendants' summary judgment motion² (Doc. 19) from the record and return the document to plaintiff.

SYLVIA H. RAMBO United States District Judge

Dated: September 13, 2001.

²Defendants' have not filed a motion for summary judgment.

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